

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 35, 57, 58, 82, 83 and 84 are allowed. In response to the Examiner's statement of allowable subject matter, applicants reply that to whatever extent the Examiner's comments are not precisely coextensive with the language of the allowed claims, it is the language of the claims as a whole that defines the scope of protection.

Applicants have amended their remaining independent claims to specifically recite that the out-of-line (called) display list includes polygon vertex commands. This feature in combination is believed to fully patentably define the claimed subject matter over the applied references. It appears that none of the three applied references discloses storing polygon vertex commands in the manner claimed.

As explained in response to the last Office Action, Dye's pointers appear to point to video (pixel) data – not polygon vertex commands.

Holzle, et al. relates to general computing commands (e.g., Java) and does not supply the missing teachings.

Furthermore, applicants respectfully question the Examiner's analysis that it would have been "obvious" to combine Holzle et al with Dye. As Holzle recognizes, "many programs, which include routines, are written such that a program calls "external" functions which may not be included within the program ..." This is certainly the case with general purpose computer programs. However, the Examiner has supplied no evidence that it would have been "obvious" to use out-of-line calls, in the combinations as claimed, for polygon vertex graphics commands within a display list.

All outstanding issued have been addressed, and the subject application is in condition for allowance. Should any minor issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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